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Paul Andrews, Acting Director Manager Vernal District Bureau of Land Management 170 South 500 East Vernal, Utah 84078

Re: Reclamation Proposal, White River Oil Shale Mining Operations, DOGM File

M/047/017, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Andrews:

On March 22, 1995, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining was briefed on the proposed reclamation of the White River Oil Shale underground mine. The Board has no objections to the proposed reclamation which includes construction of an underground seal, backfilling the main portal, and sealing off the ventilation shaft and boreholes. We are aware that the available funds are insufficient to reclaim all of the surface facilities associated with this operation. We would encourage the BLM to conduct reclamation of these remaining surface disturbances in the future when additional monies are available.

On behalf of the Board, thank you and your staff for keeping us informed of the status of this operation.

Sincerely,

Dave D. Lauriski, Chairman Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

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cc: J.W. Carter, DOGM

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